

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All Our Readers

Anglican Church Notes

ST. MARY'S (Anglican) CHURCH
Rev. F. A. Richard, Vicar
There will be celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 2.30. Service will be held on Sunday, 1st January, at 2.30 p.m.

SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

J. B. Stiles, Pastor
Sharon: The Christmas service will be held at 7 p.m., in the Norwegian language. The Sunday school Christmas program will be given immediately following the service.

Christmas Message

"Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem."

Many centuries ago the Babe of Bethlehem was born in a stable and cradled in a manger, and shepherds from the plains came to adore Him, and wise men from the East to worship and present to Him their gifts. In no age since that day has there been a pause in that worship, and as one of our modern writers has stated "The hub of the world at Christmas time is Bethlehem." Vast numbers of the world's multitudes of every class, condition and tongue have through the ages offered to Him their hearts' true devotion. They, with the shepherds of old, have said, "Let us go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass." With the passing of the centuries the familiar story loses nothing of its freshness, beauty and appeal, and once again the time draws near when with wonder, reverence and joy we are privileged to take the Bethlehem road and acknowledge and celebrate the coming of God's "Unspeakable Gift" into the world's life.

Christmas in itself bears witness to a great historic fact. When Sir Edmond Burne Jones was asked by a young lady, who watched him painting his great picture, "The Star of Bethlehem," if he believed the story was true, replied "It is too beautiful not to be true." Surely it was not by chance that the birth of Christ became "the great divide of history, and that we mark time by the years before and after the coming of the Christ Child to the earth. The Christmas hymns and carols we sing, the cheer, greetings and gifts of Christmas time, and the generosity and goodwill of the season are all indications that Christmas is outstanding in its interest, appeal and value as a factor in human life and experience.

With Jesus there was a coming of God into human life, revealing God's way of saving and blessing the world. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," was the ancient message and revelation to the world. And again "Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins." His great mission and purpose in the world was to rescue, to make men free, to bring them back to the records of history reveal the desperate straits of the people and their need for such a Saviour, and if there was such need for those people and those times, are we not constrained to ask "What of ourselves and the times and conditions in which we live?" As we look into our own hearts, and the heart of our world how great is our own need, and how tremendous the world's need, so burdened with enmity, bitterness and strife, for such a saviour.

Christmas for each of us, shall we remember, is largely what we make it. We may make of it only a time for jovial parties and celebrations, and even a time of intemperance and dissipation. It may be made a time for jealousy and envy toward others, or a time for cynicism and scoffing toward those who dream of goodwill in the hearts of men, and the establishment of the rule of peace on earth. But to those who have eyes to see, and ears to hear, and souls to respond to the old-time Bethlehem message, as did the shepherds and wise men of old, it may be a time in which the Christ shall be born anew in our hearts, flooding our lives with kindness, sympathy and love and bringing to us a consciousness of God's love and peace, and awakening within us a desire to commit ourselves to the work of his kingdom on earth. Thus, and thus alone, are we able to understand the true significance of the joy in the hearts of the shepherds of Bethlehem and the wise men's worship and gifts.

Christmas reminds us how much we owe to the Christ Child which we can never repay, yet how much there is that we can all do to make real the love and peace of Christmas in the hearts of men and women, and little children.

Charles Dickens found in Christmas the finest opportunity, and the greatest challenge, for love, forgiveness and goodwill, to find expression. "I always thought of Christmas time, as a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and I say, 'God bless it.' Our recognition of Christmas, with its outpouring of greetings and gifts, is a symbolizing of our kindly thought and warmth of heart to others, and love and goodwill, from the great heart of our Father God.

How wonderful it is that we may all share the blessings and privileges of the Bethlehem spirit, and as the birthplace in Bethlehem was the starting point of such divine love and hope, so every heart and home where He is welcomed and worshipped shall have a true existence of joy, goodwill and blessing. "O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in; We hear the Christmas Angels: O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel." With best Christmas wishes to all our people and friends.

—REV. E. LONGMIRE.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting M.D. Battle River No. 423

The Council of the M. D. Battle River No. 423 met in the office of the secretary on Thursday, December 8, 1938. Messrs. Smallwood, Stewart, Blakely, Collette and Steele present; Reeve, R. D. Smallwood in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Collette that minutes of Nov. 10 be approved as read. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the report of Reeve re Berquist clothing be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that application of J. D. Nachtigal for direct relief be issued for \$10 until Jan. 12, 1939, and charge Prov. Govt. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that Mr. Dim sell to D. and O. L. Kanes their share of sheep oats for 1/2 cent per bushel E. 1/2 6-40-3-W. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that Committee's report re Parting horse damage be accepted and this matter be tabled until later on this day. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that secretary gather all information re Albert Walker and report at Jan. meeting. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Steele that secretary write the Dept. of M. A. re S. 1/2 46-9 that this sale was made in Feb. 1934 and that the 1934 amendment to the Tax Recovery Act was not effective until April 16, 1934, and approval of said sale was not and is not necessary. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that secretary notify the Salvation Army that as Council made no provision in 1938 estimates for grants that this Council are unable to make any contribution of this kind. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that in the matter of the N.W. 24-45-9 G. B. Sawyer roadway 1.85 acres, that secretary Mr. Purvis that this matter will be taken up in the 1939 business and settled satisfactorily to both parties. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that with regard to Farthing claim alleged horse damage claim that this Mun. Dist. defend this action. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that committee re Farthing claim be Messrs. Steele, Smallwood and the secretary. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that this Council be notified that the S.E. 6-44-9-W. for the amount of the 1939 taxes and that he keep all improvements such as buildings, fences, etc., in good shape and control all noxious weeds, leave to take effect on Jan. 1, 1939, to a period ending Dec. 31, 1939. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that relief be extended to Mrs. Berquist for \$12 until Jan. 12, 1939. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the report of Dr. Greenberg re J. Baska case be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the M. D. share of oats re S.W. 34-40-7 and J. A. Laycock be sold to the lessee, providing that a sample of oats are brought to the Mun. office to be graded by the Elevator Co's. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the clothing list tendered by Mrs. Berquist and recommended by the committee be filed by J. C. McFarland Co. for \$28.50 as agreed upon be approved. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that secretary be authorized to sell all grains under storage in the name of the M. D. of Battle River through the Canadian Wheat Board. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that Tax Consolidation on the S.E. 13-45-7 and N.W. 10-46-7 be approved. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Steele that Tax Consolidation on the N.W. 10- and N.E. 19-46-8-W.4th be approved. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that Tax Consolidation on Pt. N.E. 28-45-9 be approved. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that Tax Consolidation on S. 1/2 8-S. 1/2 18- and N.W. 8-45-8 be approved. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Steele that J. C. McLean be appointed Returning Officer for the 1939 Mun. elections. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that a ratepayers' meeting of M. D. Battle River No. 423 be held at Fabyan school on Feb. 11, 1939, at 1.30 p.m. and that Reeve and Sec'y attend this meeting. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that report of Messrs. Collette and Wilbraham re A. A. M. D. convention at Calgary be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that secretary Mr. L. E. Woods that this Council will consider his application for leasing W. 1/2 12- and all 13-46-7 for another year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Steele that a committee be appointed re J. Baska to look into the matter of future maintenance. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Steele that Reeve and Sec'y be a committee re J. Baska with power to act. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collette that statement of receipts and expenditures for month ending Nov. 30 be accepted as read and incorporated in minutes. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that any deficit showing in Div. 3 during 1938 be paid out of the General funds of the Mun. Dist. and deducted from the 1939 allocation of that Div. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that pay-sheets of Div. 1 be presented at this meeting be passed, and payment made when signed by the Councilor of that Division. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the finance committee be empowered to interview the Bank of Montreal for the purpose of negotiating a further line of credit of \$2,000 for Mun. purposes and that the Reeve and Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to borrow from the Bank of Montreal the sum of \$3,447.28 deemed necessary to meet the 4th 1/4 school requisition. Carried.

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Wm. Dalton, call meetings, super. roads, and comm. 141.60
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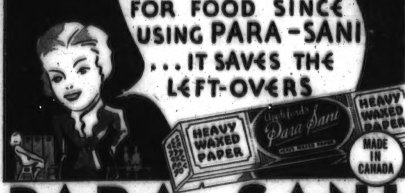
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The Duties Of Citizenship

With daily newspapers in the west publishing talk on secession, the airing of charges that eastern provincial premiers are conspiring to make the central government at Ottawa an annex of their provinces and the promotion of innumerable social, political and economic clubs and "isms" all over the country, the outlook for Dominion unity and stability does not, on the face of it, appear very bright.

Just how seriously these alarms and excursions should be regarded is somewhat difficult to diagnose and what they portend for the future of this country and its people is not easy to decide, but it straws show which way the wind is blowing, it would appear that the time is drawing nigh for a spiritual renaissance if Canada is to maintain the solidarity on which it was founded and the happiness and future welfare of her people are to be assured.

Generally speaking, the majority of the people of all parts of this Dominion have expressed a desire, whenever they have been given an opportunity of indicating their views at the polls and through their representatives in Parliament and in the legislatures of the country, to maintain unimpaired and undivided the heritages which have been handed down to them through British history and handed on to them through the fathers of Confederation.

Danger Signals Observed

Sometimes, however, one is tempted to fear that there are signs of a weakening in the faith and courage which dominated the people of this country when it was first settled and which has enabled them to make progress despite the slings and arrows of misfortune and in the face of temporary setbacks and difficulties.

If this is so, then, indeed, there is a need for reinvigorating of that spirit to which Sir Anthony Eden referred in his recent broadcast from New York when he announced to this continent that the people of Great Britain, come what may, intend to stand firm on the rock of democracy and without calling for outside aid.

That there are differences of opinion, even on questions of major policy, in this country as elsewhere, is to be expected and even encouraged, for of such is the essence of democracy; that such differences of opinion should be brought into the open and thoroughly debated is highly desirable, for that also is the sign manual of the democratic spirit, but once the great majority have spoken their mind, their decision should be respected and observed, at least until such time as minority doctrine may have become espoused by the greater number.

Th danger signals hang out, however, when too many people forget that democratic rule entails individual responsibility and that when there is a trend for appreciable numbers to forget or ignore their obligations to the state the risk of the state becoming omnipotent is enhanced and that then the day is dawning when a minority group or an individual may seize the reins of government and impose a dictatorship.

Dangerous Impassivity

It has been laid down as axiomatic that the people get the kind of government they deserve. It might be well said that sometimes people are better governed than they deserve, but such a condition could not last very long in a day and generation which witnesses a trend for minorities to organize and work day and night to press their objectives, if a substantial section of the general public remains indifferent to its communal duties.

And there are signs of a dangerous trend in this direction when an increasing number of people refrain from exercising their franchise in national, provincial and municipal elections. If people adopt a laissez faire attitude towards their own affairs they should not be surprised if their rights and privileges, including even those privileges of freedom of speech, freedom of worship and freedom of assembly are snatched from them. The attitude of "let George do it" if persisted in, will ultimately result in George doing it and probably in a manner which will prove highly distasteful to the great majority.

As suggested what is required for the preservation of a united democracy, which carries with it not only strength to face dangers from without, but all those privileges which have been inherited and which should be cherished in view of the price that has been paid for them, is a rejuvenated sense of moral individual obligations.

This can be brought about by an educational program which should be waged not only among the rising generation in the schools and educational institutions of the land, but also among adults who may have been lulled into the false belief that they can ignore the duties of citizenship and still retain the privileges which have come to be taken for granted, even as the air that is breathed and the water that is drunk.

Along with the mechanics of "citizenship", children in the schools and adults outside of them should be reminded incessantly that a lively sense of individual responsibility is essential if the form of government they now enjoy is to be preserved, and that the greater this recognition the more nearly perfect will administration become.

Without a quickening sense of personal responsibility on the part of the people democracy is sooner or later doomed.

Trouble Over Fishing Rights

The Russian foreign office disclosed that a serious dispute has developed between the Soviet and Japan over fishing rights. Leases to Japan for fisheries expired Dec. 1. It was disclosed that Russia—despite angry Japanese demands—has refused to renew the leases until Japan makes good a defaulted railroad payment.

Animals of the dog family do not breathe their claws, since they run down their prey, and seize it in their mouths, making noiseless footwork and sharp claws unnecessary.

Our relations with Mussolini remain cool, says the New Yorker. We refuse to recognize the request of Ethiopia and he gives a frosty glare at Pope and Mickey Mouse.

Remember The Birds

A lady has suggested that the plight of the birds at the present time is worthy of attention. It would cost nothing, she pointed out, to scatter some of the crumbs on the snow or hard-frozen earth instead of in the refuse container and the birds would benefit. Otherwise, lacking sufficient food, many of them die during the winter.

They waited till Van Gogh was dead to appreciate his art. During his lifetime he sold only two of his pictures, one at \$5 and the other for \$100. To-day an outstanding Van Gogh is worth \$50,000.

"Contact" eye glasses were invented in 1827 by a man named Herschel, who cast them from a glass negative.

Something Quite Different

Pedal-Cycle Promises To Become Very Popular In England

As everyone knows, Britain is a land of cyclists and pedestrians and the number of people who take their regular exercise in both manners—and incidentally, are a great deal of their own beautiful country—must run into many thousands.

But the poster promises to supplant the cyclist if advance estimates of the sale of Wilfred Pootles are accurate.

For the information of the uninitiated, Wilfred Pootle is the name which the British cycle trade has conferred upon the latest addition to the cycle family—a relatively inexpensive, light and cheap-to-operate pedal-cycle which does as much as 30 miles an hour and can do 40 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

Wilfred is different. Even if something does happen to his mechanism he is not hard to push or to pedal, and he is cheap to buy and is so inexpensive to operate that he has made a great hit at the cycle shows. Just think, one of Wilfred's riders can pootle at will through the streets or along the highways at a speed of 25 or 30 miles an hour, and the cost of such agreeable transportation is not more than a farthing for two miles.

Unless we are mistaken, Wilfred has a future, not only in Britain but probably in North America as well. Although there are to be 35,000 pootlers in the United Kingdom before mid-summer, the manufacturers may yet have sufficient facilities to export a few Wilfreds to this country, or, at least, to permit Canadian firms to manufacture Wilfreds under license, and then the pootler will become an international figure.

Who wouldn't a pootle, when pootling covers so much ground at such slight expense?

Farm Placements

Decrease Is Shown In Number Over Previous Year

Improved conditions in Western Canada have produced a decided decrease in the number of persons placed under the government's farm employment plan, said a statement issued by Hon. Norman Rogers, minister of labor.

Figures on farm placement up to Dec. 1st show 9,467 persons—4,263 men and 5,204 women—were placed on farms in Western Canada. These figures compared with 22,461 placements—16,899 men and 5,572 women last year.

By provinces placements this far this winter under the farm plan are: Saskatchewan 5,036, Manitoba 2,223, Alberta 2,058 and British Columbia 150.

Changed Ownership Once

Paper Published In Amherstburg, Ont., Was Founded In 1874

The Amherstburg Echo was founded November, 1874, and has a unique history in the way of having had only one change of ownership, and one change of publication premises in all that time. Naturally the paper has changed a great deal to meet the changing conditions of these modern times. The first Echo was four pages—the last ten, and the number of pages now varies from ten to twelve and fourteen, as needs demand. The editorial and reportorial coverage has grown with the paper, while the practical department engages a larger staff than at any time in its history.

A Hollywood actor is reported to have two libraries with a book in each.

Animals, as well as human beings, are subject to snow-blindness.

Makes No Difference

People Who Sleep Badly Need Not Worry About It

Four recent books have been published to tell one how to sleep. You have to stay awake to read them. As many different theories are advanced as there are books, but only one cure that seems worth listening to appears in the lot.

You are to say to yourself: "It doesn't make any difference if I don't go to sleep."

Somewhat this eases the mind. It has the sleep racket licked all hollow. Any one who has counted sheep and has got as high as ten thousand knows the inefficacy of that one. Shakespeare gave us first the simile of sheep, as knitting up the raveled sleeve of care; scores of poets have craved sleep in verse. It was Sancho Panza who famously cried, "God bless the man who first invented sleep."

And now, none of it is important. You needn't count sheep. You needn't read the books. "It doesn't make any difference if you don't go to sleep!"—Providence Journal.

The Speed Of Engines

Railwaymen Claim Streamliners Have Nothing On Old Locomotives

W. L. Clark, in the Windsor Star, says: "When streamlining was starting its vogue some railwaymen put their engines in the shops and covered them with plates to give the appearance of streamliners. The idea was to create less wind resistance and give greater speed."

But the scheme may have impressed some persons, but the old locomotives could tune up just as much speed without the fancy plates as they could with them. High speed engines could scoot along at speeds getting on to 100 miles per hour and that will make a fast schedule on any railway.

The Diesels go in for streamlining, but the ordinary looking locomotive pulls the other trains. Railwaymen like utility and they find that type of engine can travel over 1,000 miles without being put into the round-house."

SELECTED RECIPES

TOMATO JELLY

2 cups canned or fresh tomatoes
1/2 teaspoon salt
Few grains cayenne or pepper
2 tablespoons Crown Brand Corn Syrup
1/2 cup cold water
1 1/2 tablespoons gelatine
1 tablespoon mild vinegar or lemon juice
1 tablespoon onion juice

Method: Heat to boiling tomatoes, salt, cayenne and Crown Brand Corn Syrup. Pour cold water in bowl and sprinkle gelatine on top of water. Add to hot mixture and stir until dissolved. Add vinegar and onion juice (extracted by grating onion). Strain, and turn into moulds which have been oiled with Mazola. Chill. When firm, unmould on lettuce and garnish with Jiffy Mayonnaise. This jelly may be cut in any desired shape and used as a garnish for salads or cold meats. The juice of fresh tomatoes make a delightful jellied salad. (Six servings).

CORN CHOWDER

4 cups diced potatoes
2 cups boiling water
1 tablespoon minced onion
2 tablespoons butter
1 can corn
4 cups scalded milk
Salt and pepper
1 cup Christie's oyster crackers or soup biscuits
Cook potatoes in boiling water until tender, but not soft. Saute onion in butter over low flame and add to potatoes. Then add corn and milk and bring to boiling point. Season and add crackers. Simmer gently two minutes and serve. Six portions.

The weather station at Colon, Isthmus of Panama records fewer temperatures of 90 degrees than do many Alaskan stations.

Sir Charles Gordon Urges United Front for Canadians

BANK OF MONTREAL'S 121st ANNUAL MEETING

Bankers Review Economic Situation—Loans Show Increase—Hopeful View of Business Outlook Expressed

Deprecating "parochial squabbles" and sectionalism among Canadians, Sir Charles Gordon, G.B.E., at the 121st annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal urged his countrymen to "face with a united front the great era to which the finger of destiny so unmistakably is pointing."

In his presidential address, reviewing economic conditions during 1938, Sir Charles dealt particularly with Canada's domestic and international relations in the light of the present world situation. He spoke with deep satisfaction of the amity existing between this country and the United States, but deplored the voicing of grievances between Canadians in East and West.

"What," he asked, "are our grievances compared with the tragic strains and stresses from which the European nations are suffering?" Saying that any nation in Europe would regard Canada's territory as a "noble empire," he commented regretfully, "We behold the vision of this national domain of ours, in which every man can dwell in peace, with none to make him afraid, by magnifying our growing pains by countenancing, and even for political purposes fostering, sectional strife and by parochial and provincial views of problems and responsibilities that should be decided on broad national lines."

"Never did we Canadians need to be united among ourselves as we need to be now," he declared, and urged his fellow-countrymen to "relegate our parochial squabbles to their rightfully subordinate place."

Business Conditions

Sir Charles, in discussing business in Canada, characterized the past year as "not unsatisfactory, having in view the conditions which have prevailed in other countries."

"Most of our industries," he observed, "have maintained a fair rate of production and although there has been recession in some lines, this has been offset largely in other directions, with the marked activity of mining contributing in increasingly important measure to the welfare of many subsidiary enterprises from coast to coast."

General Managers' Address

G. W. Spinney, on behalf of himself and his fellow general manager, Jackson Bodie, presented one of the strongest financial statements in the bank's history, showing increases in assets of 27 million dollars, with total assets at \$874,300,000, the highest since the peak year of 1929.

Has Many Advantages

Radio Tele-Type Device Great Aid To Police Force

Michigan State Police hailed the successful test of equipment to send and receive printed messages by radio as a major advance in perfecting crime-fighting machinery.

Officers said the new equipment was the first in the United States to be developed to such a degree of efficiency.

Advantages of the new system they listed as follows:

1. Secrecy. Criminals have been known to escape capture because they tuned in on police broadcasts. Under the new system messages can be received only by special equipment tuned to the proper frequency.

2. Speed. All material would be instantly available to all State Police and sheriff's offices and the system would permit transmission of more complete records as they would avoid the present system of repeating messages to assure accuracy.

3. Simplicity. Every receiver tuned to the central transmitter would instantly turn on when the broadcast started, regardless of whether there was an attendant. The message would be recorded on a tape form and the central station would automatically turn off the receiver at completion of the message. In this way every station would be assured reception of the message.

Under the system an operator sits at an electrically operated typewriter and types out the record on a tape. The tape is inserted in the transmitter, which is turned on and automatically completes transmission of the message at a rate of about 50 words a minute. At the receiving end the machine turns on automatically and receives the message in typewritten form on the other tape. The receiving device is small and is readily installed in patrol cars.

Empire Unity

Ardent Imperialist Announces Formation Of League

Theo. Feilden, newspaperman and ardent Imperialist, announced formation of the Empire Unity League, designed to maintain a united Empire and to combat "propaganda about the decadence of the Empire."

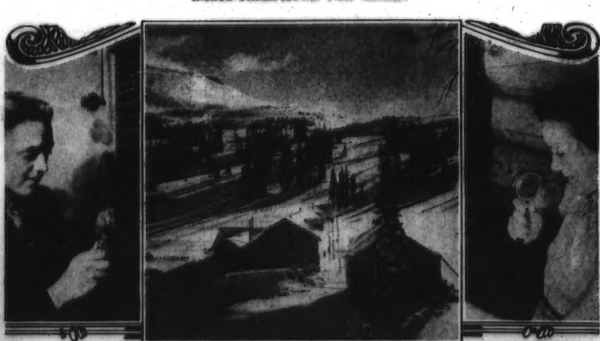
The league is launching an immediate drive for £100,000 (\$407,000) which will be devoted to building up Empire unity and defence and to issue of counter-propaganda on the strength of the Empire.

Mr. Feilden, editor of the Empire and Mail and Imperial Review, is director general of the league. He says it is aimed chiefly to meet "malicious propaganda" which he charges the totalitarian states are using about the decadence of the British Empire and to uphold the principles of democracy.

Japan shipped over 60,000 cases of mandarin oranges to the United States during the last year.


Approximately 4,000 fugitive from justice, in the United States, are detected by fingerprints annually.

RADIO-TELEPHONE FOR SKIERS



This recent picture of Sunshine Lodge, near Banff, in the Canadian Rockies, with 10,000-foot Brewster Rock and the Great Divide in the background, shows the maists for the new short-wave radio-telephone system between the lodge and Banff. The new method of communication promises to make the famous skiing district more famous than ever. Miss Ina May Hummon, hostess at the lodge, sends her daily messages from the 8,000-foot old cabin to Bob Johnson at the switch-board in Banff, 16 miles away.

A year ago these giant bombers were merely tracings on the drawing board of the airplane designer, now hundreds of them have been issued to various units of the R.A.F. Carrying a crew of seven, these machines have cruising speeds exceeding 200 m.p.h. and were specially built for long-distance flying.



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LOCALS

Dr. Springbett will not be in Irma on Tuesday, December 27th, 1938.

Mr. William Hulman is home for the holiday season.

Mr. Wm. E. Walker is spending the winter in Calgary at the home of his daughter.

Mr. Fred Thoresen left last weekend for the coast, where he will spend the winter with his daughter.

Mr. M. Kuziek returned to Irma last week to assist his brother-in-law Steve Hlynka during the winter.

Please take notice that the Irma stores will close every Saturday night at 6 o'clock commencing Dec. 31st.

The rink management are trying to give everyone a square deal. Buy your skating tickets now.

Miss Ethel Tate arrived home from Normal school last Saturday evening for the Christmas holidays.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, of Amisk, a son. Mother and son are patients in Hardisty hospital.

Miss Beulah Blade and brother William are home from Turner Valley for the holidays.

Remember you are expected to attend the Hockey Club meeting on December 28th, at 8 p.m.

Don't forget the annual meeting of the Irma Hockey Club in Hedley's Hall, Wednesday, December 28th, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Miss Rena Fenton is spending the holiday season in Regina, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Chestus and family of Elphinstone street.

An Irma United church calendar will make an ideal Christmas gift for relatives or friends. Your patronage will be appreciated.

Mrs. John Sawdon and family of Mount Albert, Ontario, wish to thank all those who took charge of the burial of husband and father, the late Mr. John Sawdon.

Following our usual custom there will be no paper issued between Christmas and New Year's. The first issue of the New Year will be dated Friday, January 6th, 1939.

The monthly meeting of the Irma W. I. will be held on Thursday, 28th January, 1939, in the Legion hall at 2:30 p.m. Hostesses, Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Hager and Mrs. J. P. Yeend.

Now that the Wainwright school division has been formed and trustees elected we are in hopes of having the minutes of the different meetings for publication in The Times.

Mr. Tony Wozny visited relatives and friends in Irma last Sunday. Tony, who has been working on the C.N.R. at Borradale, near Vermilion, got bumped and is now working at Greenbush.

Mr. M. O. Larson of Coal Spring district took ill suddenly on his way to Irma on Monday, December 19th, and was taken to Edmonton for treatment on the following morning by Dr. Greenberg.

The next meeting of the Irma Y.P.U. will be held in the United church on the evening of January 5th at 8 o'clock. The Christian Citizen group under the leadership of Clarence Carter will be in charge.

Messrs. F. C. Wiese and A. E. Peterson have been appointed delegates to the trustees' convention being held in Edmonton on January 12 and 13. These trustees represent the Irma Rural high school and the Irma Public school districts respectively.

The United Sunday school are having a special offering on Sunday, 25th December, Christmas Day. Same to be given as a little gift to the Woods' Christian Home, Calgary, and the Protestant Home, Edmonton. Anyone wishing to share in this effort give your contribution to Miss Flewelling.

Mr. M. Czeperak of Sunny Brae district suffered a broken leg on Friday evening, December 16th, while on his way to pull Arthur Gwynn's car out of the ditch. Mike's horses became frightened and started to run after coming out on the highway; Mike fell off the wagon and one wheel passed over one of his legs, breaking both bones below the knee. Dr. Greenberg was called as quickly as possible and the injured man taken to Wainwright hospital for treatment.

UNITED CHURCH NOTES

Rev. E. Longmire, Minister

Sunday, December 25th

Albert—Christmas service, 11:30.

Irma—Sunday school, 11 a.m.

Christmas service, 7:30 p.m.

The special Christmas music at the evening service will include an anthem "Under the Stars" by the choir, solo, "O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus" by Marian Longmire.

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The Council of the Municipal District is desirous of being free of all Bank debt for Hospital purposes at the end of this year, and they ask all ratepayers who have not paid their hospital taxes to do so before December 31st, 1938.

Your co-operation in this regard will be appreciated.

Chas. Wilbraham, Sec'y-Treas.,
Mun. Dist. No. 423, Irma, Alta.

IRMA Y. P. U. REPORT

The Irma Y. P. U. met in the United church on the evening of December 15th. There were about seventy young people present and the Fellowship Group were in charge.

The meeting opened with a hymn and then the Rev. Longmire gave the scripture reading. Another hymn was sung followed by a short prayer by Catherine Patterson.

A thought provoking topic, "What I think of God," was given by Roy Fuder. The devotional meeting then closed with a hymn.

The business discussion was mostly concerned with a motion that cups be bought by the young people to augment the supply belonging to the church. It was agreed that each member give one cup.

A short sing-song was led by Mary Jones and the following program was given: Vocal duet, Roy and Earl Fuder; Reading, Bob Maguire; Play, Edna Jones, Asta Lindberg, Frances Baras and Ruby Carrington; Vocal Duet, Mrs. O. Larson and Jean Whidden.

HOCKEY I

ROSEBERRY 4—IRMA JUNIORS 3

The hockey season was officially opened on the Irma rink Tuesday evening, December 30, when the Roseberry puck chasers came in and crossed sticks with the Irma Juniors, beating them by a score of 4 to 2. It was a fairly good game for the amount of practice the boys had. Now that regular practice has started they will be dishing up some good games in future. Owing to the senior hockey team and some fans being away to Hardisty and lack of advertising the attendance was small.

The scorers for Roseberry were Geo. Fischer, Ed. and Don Savard and Thos. Holt. For Irma, Bob Charter and Albert Sonoff scored one each.

The line-up was, E. Vallee, George Fischer, M. Walker, S. Fenton, A. E. Jones, Dave Holt, F. Younker, Ed. Savard, Don Savard, Thos. Holt and A. Cook, for Roseberry; C. Carter, H. Gulliner, R. Congdon, R. Fuder, A. Carter, R. Simmermon, C. Jones, A. Sonoff, P. Charter, B. Charter, D. McKay, A. Knudson and N. McMillan for Irma. Referee, J. Goodwin.

The Irma Senior hockey team motored to Hardisty last Tuesday evening and engaged the Hardisty team in an exhibition game. Result, a fairly good game and the score 8-6.

The Gas Line league games are in full swing now. Keep track of the dates which are published in this paper and come in to all the games, support the home boys and have an evening's fun.

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